

# PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: MÜCKE

<b>In re Application of:</b>	)
<b>GERT MÜCKE et al.</b>	)
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<b>Int. Filing Date: March 11, 2005</b>	)
<b>For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REMOVING LIQUIDS FROM THE SURFACE OF A STRIP</b>	)

## FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Preliminary to the first Official Action in the above-entitled application, please amend the application as follows.

The Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application, including any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, and any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, including presentation of extra claims, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 06-0502.

Please amend the above-entitled application as follows: